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Congo: Gizenga, whose nominal adherents occupy a number of the top posts in the Adoula government, now hopes to obtain for a close personal supporter the Defense portfolio, currently held by Adoula himself. Gizenga's attempt to increase his foothold in the new government through the Defense Ministry post will be disputed;

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Northern Rhodesia: Arson and sabotage inspired by African Nationalists are continuing in Northern Rhodesia. The British governor of the protectorate has imposed a partial ban on Kenneth Kaunda's United National Independence party (UNIP)

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[and the UNIP youth league in the northern and western provinces of the territory. The governor has also moved a company of troops into the northern area to reinforce the local police. The Africans are protesting a proposed constitution which they believe would preserve the present political hegemony of the Europeans. The moderates who dominate the UNIP leadership have denied that the party is responsible for the sabotage, but many local branches, which have always been partly independent of the central party organization, seem to be involved.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

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[On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:]

[No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.]

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Northern Rhodesian Government Acts to Curb African Nationalist Sabotage

The tension may reverse the moderate trend which has developed over the past few months among both whites and Africans in Northern Rhodesia. The 77,000 whites in Northern Rhodesia had generally come to realize that an African-dominated government in the protectorate was inevitable at a fairly early date. Kenneth Kaunda and the other moderates in the United National Independence party (UNIP) had had considerable success in persuading the whites that UNIP was not opposed to their continued presence in the territory. The American- and South African- controlled copper-mining companies which dominate the economy have also had a moderating influence. In an effort to win support among African leaders, they have been exerting pressure on the Europeans for African political advance.

There remain influential extremist elements in both racial communities, however. Among the Africans, some estimates place the extremists in the majority, with Kaunda and his associates remaining in command only through their personal popularity. Kaunda won out over the party's left wing in early July, when he secured the replacement of the extremist secretary general by one of his own supporters. At the same conference, UNIP placed entire responsibility for the campaign against the constitutional proposals in Kaunda's hands. The outbreak of sabotage, unsanctioned by UNIP, may indicate that the party rank and file has already decided that his program, which abjures violence, will not extract any concessions from the British or the white Rhodesians. The party may thus become less amenable to the influence of Kaunda and the other moderates. This in turn may upset British efforts to push for further political evolution elsewhere in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

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